

Mr. Speaker, I disagree with the proponents on the narrow terms of the waiver. But more importantly, I feel that they are also wrong on the big picture.

This very day, my daughter, a college-age young woman, is in Vietnam going anywhere she wishes, marveling at the friendliness of the people, over 60 percent of whom are under 25 years of age with no connection to the war, other than to live with its horrible consequences.

They are looking to America for a new relationship. This decision today is about whether we on this floor can exemplify the spirit of our late colleague, Walter Capps, about learning and reconciliation. It is about equipping our friend, Pete Peterson, in his mission as Ambassador to move the relationship between these two countries into the future in the spirit of healing and rehabilitation.

And most important, this debate is to assure that we, as Congress, can learn from this experience so that our children, their children and grandchildren will not be trapped by the web that so ensnared three generations of Americans.

Please, reject the resolution.